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## **NEW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM SELECTED**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – During their regular meeting of January 9, 2002, the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners selected Ben Sciortino, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner, to serve as the 2002 Chairman.

Sciortino was elected to his first Commission term in 1998. He served as Vice Chair/Chairman Pro Tem in 2001. He has an extensive background in business and management, working as Director of Marketing for the Kansas State Network before spending nearly 20 years as an executive with Multimedia Cablevision. At Multimedia, he served as an Operations and Governmental Relations executive, as Vice President of Corporate Development and Senior Vice President of Multimedia Cablevision.

Commissioner Sciortino strongly believes that government should be closer to the people. He has focused on more cooperation between city and county government, as well as placing emphasis on a fair and just property appraisal system with avoidance of future property tax increases.

"Serving as Commission Chairman is a wonderful opportunity," said Sciortino after the vote was taken. "I am pleased to have the chance to represent the citizens of the 5<sup>th</sup> District and Sedgwick County in a new capacity." The new Chairman plans to focus on continued financial efficiency, and on solidifying Sedgwick County's image to make it easier for citizens to identify and gain access services provided by the County.

Commissioner Betsy Gwin, 1<sup>st</sup> District, was selected as Chair Pro Tem. Gwin is a former realtor and an experienced County Commissioner, having been elected in 1990. She is a Board member for both Exploration Place and the Sedgwick County Zoological Society, and is an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society, particularly with its annual "Relay for Life."

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